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District: 5 – San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SANTA MARIA RIVER BRIDGES PROJECT CONTINUES WITH PILE DRIVING

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY – Construction to widen the Hwy. 101 Santa Maria River Bridges will result in the following activities over the next two weeks:

- A pile driving operation will continue on an intermittent basis Monday through Friday from 7 am to 3 pm. This work will be noisy at times. Motorists should be aware of limited shoulder space while driving across the bridge.
- Work is underway on the foundations for the piers/columns where pile installation has been completed. Work on the foundations will occur over the next few weeks. The installation of temporary protective concrete barrier and striping within the project area has been completed.

This project will widen the bridge from two to three lanes in each direction with inside/outside shoulders and will include a bicycle lane near the southbound lanes behind a concrete barrier. This project will also include a resurfacing of all traffic lanes.

The contractor for this \$31 million project is Flatiron West Inc. of Benicia, CA. It is expected to be completed in the spring of 2014.

**Caltrans reminds motorists to move over and slow down when driving through
Caltrans work zones**

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